

closed because they're full. That's the nature of the amendment. Whether it's approved or not, it doesn't make that much difference to me except that I think it is a policy that we need to clarify for the school districts. And I would urge its adoption.

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Before beginning debate on the amendment I have two announcements. Senator Bernard-Stevens has as his guest under the north balcony, Kathy Fehrman of North Platte with her sons, Ben and Scott. And under the south balcony, Senator Fisher has Theresa Kuzelka from Grand Island, Tricia Beem, Lois Ehlers, all from Grand Island. Would all of you guests please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you for being here. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. My light was on to speak about that last issue and I didn't get to and I'm going to right now. (Re: LB 943) Senator Brashear talked about process and procedure, I want to talk about privileges and principles. and I think we lost some of our principle here in that last vote. Senator Chambers would have been just as mad if this had...if he'd have been on the other side of this issue. You people can tell me all you want that you aren't coerced, but I know better. I know better. I think we lost some spine in this body today and I'm disappointed. We lost our principle to provide ourself with privileges. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Abboud. I don't see Senator Abboud. Oh, no he waives off. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President and members, this is a discussion we've had before in Education Committee, and something that I have agreed with what Senator Bernard-Stevens is articulating in that when we talk about choice, it seems to me that the idea of offering that is for each student in a family. It does not necessarily mean that the school should be obligated to every other student that would be coming from that family. You are really forcing schools then, say, who are sitting with a first grade class of 30 or, well. let's say a